

Concerns re: Oster Quarry sent 7-29-10

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I have sent this to you by mail but am unsure whether it will reach you in time so this e-mail will address the same issues plus a few more.

I am extremely concerned regarding the Oster Quarry Application.

1. First is the safety hazards the trucks may cause during their movement of materials since the major road is so narrow and has poor visibility in some areas.
2. The high number of trucks will also tie up traffic significantly.
3. Water levels are already very low. Removing further water could severely affect the aquifer leading to residential diminishment of water supply both now and in the future 30 years. This could have a huge impact. What will residents have as steps/options/guarantees/recourse to pursue if the water level is low or gone? How will we get our water and who will be responsible for paying for this? And how will contamination of the nearby waterways (Salinas River and the creek) be protected from contamination by asphalt recycling?
4. In an area where water is so limited, resale of homes could be severely affected since one could not sell their home and property if the water supply was extremely limited. With the housing market already affected so much by the economy, all the factors in this note may affect resale value with water non-availability being extremely high on the list.
5. Why is there a need for another quarry in an area where 2 others already exist nearby?
6. Environmental impact is also a concern regarding both plants and animals.
7. What is the risk of increasing the potential inhalation of coccidiomycosis thus precipitating cases of Valley Fever? What are the other potential effects on the environment including air quality?